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## Jim Santini Campaign for U. S. Senate

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Mr. Scott E. Thomas, Chairman Federal Election Commission Washington, D. C. 20462

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In response to your August 4th request for an interrogatory I am sending the following information.

First, a general understanding of my personal background and involvement in this campaign is important. I am the proprietor of a small certified public accounting office. I agreed to serve as a volunteer campaign treasurer, although I had never served as a treasurer before, because I am a long-time friend of the Santini family. In addition, I believed strongly in the Santini campaign. Thus, although I will attempt to be as helpful to the Federal Election Commission as I can, I am not expert on many of the questions you ask and I have very few resources.

The only records that I have in my office are the post campaign records I needed for reconciliation of the bank account. I mistakenly assumed that because Vicky Tigwell had volunteered to write the post-election FEC reports, that she had the earlier records. I was wrong. All the primary and secondary Santini for Senate 1986 election records that I can locate are now in storage in a warehouse in Las Vegas, Nevada. If any representative of the FEC would like to examine these stored reports I will arrange to make them available at the warehouse.

The person who prepared the May through December 1986 FEC reports was Mary Alice Hardy. Ms. Hardy was a part-time employee of the Santini for Senate Committee. She maintained the Santini for Senate day-to-day ledger sheets under the general advice and guidance of professional accounting firms hired by the campaign to set up the accounting systems (Huckaby and Associates and the Miller Roos firm). Presently, Mary Alice Hardy is serving on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in London, England. I do not have her present London address and phone number but I may be able to obtain it if it is necessary to do so.

As to the specific questions that the Commission has set out in the interrogatories, I will do my best to respond where I have any of the direct knowledge answers. In part, I have already replied to the interrogatories.

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In response to Question No. 1: My only knowledge is that the campaign did receive contributions conduited through the NRSC. Mary Alice Hardy handled the day-to-day receipt of such contributions. Occasionally, there was communication with campaign manager Acel Robison. To the best of my memory, I never had a conversation with Mary Alice Hardy or with Acel Robison about the NRSC "directed to" campaign contributions.

In response to Question No. lA: I have no idea who made the arrangement to receive campaign donations from the Senatorial committee. All I did was reconcile those monies and other income with our debts on a month-in and month-out basis.

In response to Question No. 1B: To the best of my memory the only person I talked with was Vicky Tigwell and I didn't talk to her until after the November general election.

In response to Question No. 2: I did not report the campaign contributions. I merely reconciled them as part of balancing the Santini for Senate account.

In response to Question No. 2A: I don't have any first-hand knowledge to answer this question.

In response to Question No. 3: I am not able to answer this question because I do not have the information to do so.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jim Santini